Some Basic Considerations on Safety & Security
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Preparation

- Establish a phone tree.
- Arrange care for children, pets, plants, etc.
- Use the buddy system.
- Establish a meeting point.
- Write contact’s name on arm.
- Dress for the weather.
- Wear sturdy shoes.
- Bring plenty of water & snacks.
- Bring a first aid kit & any prescription meds.
- Leave weapons, drugs, contraband behind.
Three Principles of Successful Actions

- Participants maintain nonviolent discipline.
- Participants **attend a nonviolence training in advance**.
- Unarmed peacekeepers / marshals accompany the action.
I. Maintaining Nonviolent Discipline

- Know what constitutes nonviolent action & stick to the plan.
- Sing songs, use slogans, etc. with a celebratory tone.
- If something happens, use common sense. Move calmly but quickly to safety.

Some useful reads:

II. Nonviolence Training

Information about Nonviolence Trainings

- Training for Change [https://www.trainingforchange.org/](https://www.trainingforchange.org/)

Online Must-Reads

III. Requesting Unarmed Peacekeepers / Accompaniment

- **Police mediation & arrest monitoring**: Advance mediation / communication with police. During the event, arrest monitors record arrests, and, if needs be, go to precincts to observe the release of those arrested.

- **Managing provocateurs**: Marshals can help isolate provocateurs. Consult with local organizers / activists about their past experience with this and what their plans are.

- **Some contacts**
  - Veterans for Peace will be at the Women’s March on Washington. Consider contacting your local chapter: [https://www.veteransforpeace.org/](https://www.veteransforpeace.org/).
  - American Friends Service Committee (Quakers): [https://www.afsc.org/](https://www.afsc.org/)
Further Resources

- International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
  [https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/](https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/)

- Albert Einstein institute

- Rhize
  [http://www.rhize.org/](http://www.rhize.org/)

- 350.org